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SUBJECT: JAPANESE SCIENCE AGREEMENTS WITH FRG AND SOVIET UNION

1. PRIME MINISTER TANAKA'S VISIT TO BONN AND MOSCOW RESULTED IN SEVERAL NEW AGREEMENTS IN THE FIELD OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY. IN BONN, AGREEMENT WAS REACHED BETWEEN THE STA AND THE GERMAN SCIENCE MINISTRY, DURING STA DIRECTOR GENERAL MAEDA'S FOLLOW-UP TO THE TANAKA VISIT, TO SIGN AN AGREEMENT NEXT SPRING COVERING COOPERATION IN SPACE, LIFE SCIENCES, POLLUTION CONTROL, MARINE TECHNOLOGY, NUCLEAR SAFETY (EMERGENCY CORE COOLING), AND INFORMATION AND PROCESSING SYSTEMS. THE JAPANESE PRESS HAS DESCRIBED THE ACCORD AS JAPAN'S FIRST GOVERNMENT-TO-GOVERNMENT AGREEMENT IN SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY, A DESCRIPTION WHICH IS ACCURATE IN THE SENSE THAT THE BROAD, US-JAPANESE SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNOLOGICAL COOPERATION HAS NOT BEEN CODIFIED IN A SINGLE FORMAL INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT.

2. THE RESULTS OF PRIME MINISTER TANAKA'S VISIT TO THE USSR INCLUDED A TREATY ON THE PROTECTION OF MIGRATORY BIRDS, SIGNED OCTOBER 10 IN MOSCOW, AN AGREEMENT ON SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNOLOGICAL COOPERATION, AND AN EXCHANGE OF NOTES ON THE EXCHANGE OF SCHOLARS AND RESEARCHERS.

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3. THESE NEW AGREEMENTS ON SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNOLOGICAL
COOPERATION REFLECT THE JAPANESE DESIRE TO DIVERSIFY ITS
INTERNATIONAL SCIENTIFIC EXCHANGES, WHICH UP TILL NOW HAVE BEEN
DOMINATED BY THE SEVERAL US-JAPANESE COOPERATIVE PROGRAMS.
FURTHER DETAILS OF THE NEW AGREEMENTS WILL BE PROVIDED WHEN
AVAILABLE.
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